

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-07

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R 031033Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6631  
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

S E C R E T TUNIS 3057

LIMDIS

THE FOLLOWING LONDON 7143 DATED 02 MAY 1977 SENT ACTION  
TRIPOLI AND TUNIS BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO:

QUOTE S E C R E T LONDON 07143

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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PLOS PBOR IT LY TS  
SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

REF: (A) TUNIS 2994, (B) STATE 98421H

1. RE QUESTION IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF REFTTEL (A), A LONDON  
UNDERWRITER REPORTS INSURANCE AVAILABLE BUT VERY EXPEN-  
SIVE FOR DRILLING EQUIPMENT IN THE DISPUTED AREA IN  
QUESTION. ONE PROPOSAL IN THIS AREA, PROBABLY FOR THE  
AMERICAN COMPANY INVOLVED IS ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT  
PER MONTH. FOR COMPARISON. THE LLOYDS RATE FOR SIMILAR  
GEAR OFF INDONESIA IS LESS THAN ONE PERCENT FOR FULL YEAR.

2. THERE IS, HOWEVER, RUMOR IN THE MARKET THAT LIBYA  
WILL POST BOND WITH SWISS BANK TO INDEMNIFY OPERATOR

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AND OBVIATE NEED FOR INSURANCE. SPIERS

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